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“Lincoln College Builds Our Community Through The Lincoln Center”

Lincoln, IL – Lincoln College at Lincoln, Illinois, is proud to unveil the last stages of construction as it nears completion of a new multi-purpose athletic/convocation center and museum. **The Lincoln Center** will be used as a community facility to house athletic events, concerts and fine arts performances, exhibits, a fitness center, and the Lincoln Heritage Museum.

The Athletic/Convocation Center is expected to open by the end of the year, and the Lynx will begin hosting athletic events in January 2010. The first commencement ceremony will be held for the graduating class of 2010 in May. The Museum will be completed later with a grand reopening planned sometime in 2011.

“We believe the new Athletic and Convocation Center and the larger space for the Lincoln Heritage Museum are absolutely critical to the success of Lincoln College, both in terms of student recruitment and in our desire to have a positive impact in the local community,” notes President John Hutchinson. He continues, *“The arena and fitness center will aid us in attracting students to Lincoln College and reaching our enrollment goals. The Lincoln Center will be available to the public through fitness center memberships, and will be a great venue in which to schedule and attend special events. The Museum is already nationally recognized, and the expanded exhibit space and events that can be held there will bring additional prestige and tourism to the Lincoln area.”*

Some key features of the facility are its state-of-the-art wrestling practice room, and the ability to adapt the main gymnasium for basketball, wrestling, volleyball and even fine arts performances. The design and construction of the Lincoln Center incorporates several ‘green building’ features such as usage of recycled content in ceilings, insulation and concrete components, utilizing parking lot demolition waste in the fill-in construction of the building pad rather than diverting to a landfill, and using all Low VOC materials in paints, adhesives, carpets and sealants to protect air quality.

Lincoln College has already raised over \$6 million toward construction of the Athletic/Convocation Center and Museum as part of an overall comprehensive capital campaign. Another \$4 million remains to be raised for this project. A variety of sponsorships, such as commemorative pavers, valued from \$250 to \$1,000, as well as naming and endowment opportunities valued from \$10,000 to \$2 million, are available to sponsors who would like to donate toward the completion of the Lincoln Center. Other ongoing fundraising efforts are also available for those wishing to support scholarships, museum collections and development, campus technology enhancements, faculty enrichment, the McKinstry Library, and other campus needs.

Lincoln College at Lincoln is a two-year, private, liberal arts college designed to prepare students for university study through a structured, supportive approach to learning. More information about Lincoln College as well as press materials for the Lincoln Center can be found at www.lincolncollege.edu.

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